

of some of the leading statesmen of this Province to deprive the Church of the miserable pittance that is left.

Your Committee, having made these remarks in connection with one of the first objects of the Church Society,—namely, The encouragement and support of the Ministers of the Church,—would now beg to make a few observations on the subject of Education, which is the next object of the Society's care.

It must be evident to all who pay attention to the present working of our Township Schools, that any sound religious teaching by the master is out of the question; your Committee, therefore, cordially wish success to our Church Synod in their endeavours to obtain for our children the privilege of unrestricted religious instruction by means of separate schools; and they yet hope to see the day when the precious word of God will be read in our schools without let or hindrance, and the Clergyman of the parish will be welcome at all times as a friend and instructor. In connection with this branch of the Society's labors, your Committee has much pleasure in stating that through the zealous exertions of some of the inhabitants of the village another Sunday School has been added to the one already in operation at the Garrison, and that collectively they number on their books between 40 and 50 children.

With respect to the third object promoted by the Church Society,—namely, That of assisting, when necessary, those who are preparing for the Ministry of the Gospel,—your Committee regret that the contributions for that purpose are so small; acknowledging, however, the great importance of this object, they pray that God's blessing may descend on all our schools and seminaries of sound religious instruction, and especially on that noble monument of our respected Bishop's zeal and perseverance under peculiar difficulties, Trinity College,—to which institution we must in future mainly look for a due supply of persons qualified for the sacred office.

With respect to the fourth object of the Church Society,—namely, That of circulating the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer, and other books and tracts, in conformity with the teaching of our Church,—your Committee rejoice to find that the subject was pressed upon the consideration of the Society at their last annual meeting in Toronto. The Report there read states that "Several applications had been made by parties at a distance, setting forth that the want of Bibles, Prayer-books, Church Catechisms and other religious works, is much felt; that the people are both willing and able to purchase them, and asking whether the Society could not supply a respectable store-keeper with a few copies of the works referred to, to be disposed of on consignment." Your Committee, being fully aware of the importance of this suggestion, and of the other suggestions made at the same time, offer their assistance in devising some plan in accordance with them.

With respect to the fifth object of the Church Society,—namely, That of obtaining and granting aid towards the erection and endowment of Churches, and the erection and maintenance of Parsonage houses,—In looking to that part of the 6th object, which mentions the granting aid towards the erection of Churches, your Committee cannot but call to mind the assistance the inhabitants of the place have themselves received in the erection of their church, when they were unable to raise the funds requisite for that purpose. Bearing this in mind, and remembering the motto of our Society, "Freely ye have received; freely give," they would support the propriety of giving some portion of the three-fourths of the collection at their disposal, to

assist their poorer brethren at Victoria Hill, who are now ready and willing to give their labour in erecting a church (having no fit place for the performance of Divine worship) but stand in need of some pecuniary assistance. As the building will be of logs, they cannot get any assistance from the General Purpose Fund of the Incorporated Church Society, as they only afford help in case of the building being of stone or brick or frame. Your Committee lament that such is the rule, and entertain the hope that the Society will yet see fit to take such cases as the present into consideration, and afford some little assistance. With respect to the erection of Parsonage houses, your Committee have to state that a share was taken in the Darric Building Society more than six years since, in order to form the beginning of a fund for the erection of a Parsonage house, and that the instalments have been regularly paid in Mr. Simpson's name. As the Building Society has now been in existence for more than six years, we have reason to expect that in the course of a year or two it will be in a condition to fulfil its engagements with the share-holders.

Your Committee would now observe that, in conformity with the 3rd resolution of our Parochial branch of the Church Society at the last annual meeting, relative to the disposal of the three-fourths of our collection; the subject there mentioned was taken into consideration at our last Easter meeting, when the churchwardens were empowered to expend it in the purchase of land for the endowment of our church at this place. As the churchwardens have not been able to meet with any land which came within the small means at their disposal, your Committee (acknowledging that the endowment of the Church is an object that should never be lost sight of till accomplished) recommend that any unappropriated part of the three-fourths now at our disposal be applied to that purpose.

Your Committee, in concluding their Report, have the pleasure of stating that the collection for this year, amounting to £10 13s. 2d., including Clergyman's subscription, exceeds the collection of last; and they also are gratified to perceive that there is an increase in the number of subscribers. In this part of the Report, it will be most convenient to mention, that the Sunday collections (exclusive of the annual Sermon collections) during the year past, from Easter Monday 1853, to the 16th January 1854, amounted to £11 19s. 4d., and that the proceeds of the annual Sermons came to £4 14s. 6d., namely, 30th May 1852, £1 17s. 6d.; 3rd October 1853, £1 7s. 6d., and 29th January 1854, £1 9s. 6d.

Your Committee, in looking forward to the future, express the earnest hope that as this part of the country generally increases in prosperity (as we have reason to expect it will) we shall shew, by increasing liberality towards the support of the good and pious objects of this Society, that we are not remiss or negligent in fulfilling the commands, and obeying the will of that Almighty Being from whom all good things do come.

(Signed,) GEO. HALLEN,  
Chairman.  
W. Simpson, }  
Secretary. }

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The General Monthly Meeting of the Society was held in the Society's Board Room on Wednesday the 1st inst.

Present—the Hon. the Chief Justice in the chair; the Hon. P. B. De Blaquiere: Rev. Dr. Lett, LL.D.; Rev. D. E. Blake, A. B.; Herbert Mortimer, Esq., Henry Rowsell, Esq.

Dr. Lett, officiating in the absence of the

Secretary, then read the minutes of the last meeting, which (as is usual) were subscribed by the Chairman.

Dr. Lett then read the abstract of the accounts showing the state of the several funds, and the items of income and expenditure; and laid the balance sheet on the table.

The consideration of the various accounts presented was, recommended by the Standing Committee, deferred until the return of the Secretary.

A memorial was read from the officiating Minister and Churchwardens of the Mission of Milton, praying for a grant of money to wards completing a church at that place.

Resolved, on representation of the Standing Committee, that the prayer of the petitioners cannot be complied with, as the Society never make grants towards the erection of wooden churches.

A petition from the Rev. Arthur Hill, asking for a grant of service books for the Church in the village of Bradford.

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that such books be granted.

An application was read from Mr. Peter Jacobs, supported by the Rev. A. Jamieson, asking for an increase of salary.

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that in the present state of the funds of the Society, no additional grant can be made beyond the present salary of £50.

An application was read from the Rev. E. H. Dewar, requesting a renewal of the grant of £10 per annum towards the salary of the Catechist at the Irish Settlement.

Resolved, on recommendation of the Standing Committee, that the sum of £10 for one year be granted.

An application was read from Rev. Geo. A. Bull, asking for a grant of service books for St. Peter's Church, Barton.

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that a set of service books be granted.

A letter from Mr. W. B. Walker, of Pickering township, concerning an application from the Grand Trunk Railway Company to be allowed (on paying consideration) to make bricks on part of a lot belonging to the Society, at Duffin's Creek.

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that the subject be deferred until return of the Secretary.

An application was read from the Rev. J. G. Armstrong for authority to lease a piece of land in Chinguacousy.

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that a power of attorney be prepared and forwarded, authorising Mr. Armstrong to lease said lot from year to year.

Resolved, that in page 147 of the Minute Book of the Society, the words from "Mr." to "Rectories" in the 20 and 21st Lines, be erased, and the following words substituted in lieu thereof. "of the abolition of the Rectories."

A letter from J. Lukin Robinson, Esq., was read, of which the following is a copy:

"Robinson £50 }  
Allan £50 } Cheque £100.

"My dear sir—The firm of Robinson & Allan being this day dissolved in consequence of the retirement from business of Mr. Allan. I have great pleasure in enclosing to you their last cheque, being a donation from each of £50 to the fund of the widows and orphans of the Clergy

"I remain, my dear sir,

"Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. LUKIN ROBINSON

"The Rev T. Kennedy, }

"Secretary C. S."